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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Political Leadership Development Program

1. I regret that I was called away and was unable to meet the deadline requested on your revised program.

2. As revised, it presents no problem for the Office of the Deputy Director (Administration), except in connection with the possible future staff section mentioned in paragraph 9. I wish to say, however, that I think this revised program is far preferable to the initial submission, and, speaking not particularly as Acting DD/A or General Counsel, but from general personal association with this problem over a long period of time, I believe this is the only approach which makes real sense. Consequently, if it progresses to the point where a staff element is needed for proper continuance of the project, the need for such a staff should be almost self evident at that time, and I foresee no particular difficulty.

3. Again, speaking personally and somewhat out of my proper jurisdiction, I believe there should be a centralized point for followup on the responsibilities for this program assigned in paragraph 6. I assume these will be taken care of under the provision of paragraph 8 on staff responsibilities.

/s/

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